

## News and Notices

**St. Mary's** will now be open daily from 10.00am-4.00pm

**Young adults group**—Colin Chalmers is organising a group for young adults (18-late 20s) It will initially be Zoom meetings, for discussion on faith and life issues, but once restrictions are eased, will extend to more social events as well. Please contact Colin if you are interested. Tel: 07477 580767.

**CONNECT**—After meeting via Zoom over Lockdown 3 our CONNECT youth met in person last Saturday with a successful outdoor activity day in the Vicarage paddock. Billy Bean lead a forest school session and Rob Rolfe launched some of his home-made rockets. We are now ready to welcome new members, CONNECT is for 9-13 year olds and meets each Friday at the Parish Hall from 6.15pm-7.30pm. Parents are welcome to stay or can drop off and pick up at the end. Please contact the office for more information.

**Welcomers Needed**—We are still in need of welcomers for our 10.30am service. If you are able to volunteer to go onto our rota please speak to one of the wardens or Emma at the office.

**Tea Room Request**— Do you like to bake cakes? We are looking for people who can donate cakes to the tea room on a regular basis. Please speak to Ron or Dawn if you are able to help.

**Graveyard Project**—Kate Tame is leading a community project around our churchyard by restoring headstones, kerbstones and memorials. The project includes collecting information from the recovered memorials for a cemetery database and much more. The team will be meeting on May 24th from 11.30am-3.00pm to book your place contact: Kate Tame 01329 310233.

**Portchester Lunch Club** is re-starting again in July. It is the longest running lunch club in Portchester and meets at the Parish Hall, every Thursday 10.00am - 1.30 pm. The cost per member is £3.50 which includes - coffee/tea and biscuits. A two course lunch (main dish and dessert). There is a weekly raffle which helps finance outings, such as afternoon tea trips and the annual celebration lunch in January. If you live in Portchester or the surrounding area and are interested in coming along please ring Janet Lynn (organiser) on 01489 600778 or mobile 07941 86301.

## News & Covid-19 Guidelines

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**Parish Giving Scheme**—Great news! If you would like to sign up for regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme you now no longer need to fill in paper forms and post them, instead, you can do everything on line. Visit:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/portchester-st-mary-portsmouth/> and then click "Pledge your gift" on the left side of that page to register and sign up.



**For those attending services please help us by following the guidelines below.**

**Covid-19 guidelines will include, but not limited to:**

- Please use hand sanitiser provided when entering the building.
- Please bring your name and phone number on a slip of paper for Track and Trace.
- Face coverings are required to be worn by all over the age of 11.
- Please keep a safe distance of 2 meters from those not in your bubble.
- Seating will be designated to arrange social distancing. We may have to ask you to sit in a particular seat. Please do not move seats.
- Personal service sheets will be used, please bring these back each week to be used again
- Communion will continue to be bread only.
- We encourage you once arrive, to go straight to your seat and remain there. Please do not congregate at the back of the church or in the aisles.
- Please follow exiting instructions from welcomers and wardens. Each row will be advised when and where to leave.

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2021

EASTER 3



At St Mary's we are a people of Prayer, learning and growing in faith together. Our vision is to be a caring and welcoming church family who reach out with the love of God into our local community and the world.

### THE CLERGY

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**For Churchwardens, Readers and other contacts see 'Who's Who' on notice board.**

### PARISH OFFICE

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*(During this period the office is closed, however appointments can be made during office hours if needed. Any post will be collected and phone calls and e-mails will go straight to Emma who is mostly working from home).*

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St Mary's Tea Room

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# This Sunday

Welcome to St Mary's this morning!

- 8:00am Holy Communion**  
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith
- 10:30am Parish Eucharist**  
Celebrant: Rev Phil Hiscock  
Preacher: Rev Ian Meredith
- 6:00pm Taize Evening Prayer (Parish Hall)**  
Followed by teaching series

## Collect for Easter 3

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 3.12-19  
1 John 3.1-7  
Luke 24.36-48

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4.5-12  
1 John 3.16-end  
John 10.11-18



# Dates for This Week

ST. MARY'S WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 10.00AM-4.00PM

## MONDAY 19TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 96/Deuteronomy 5.1-22

## TUESDAY 20TH APRIL

MPR: Psalm 98/Deuteronomy 5.22-end

11:00am Church Funeral of Pamela Rondeau

## WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL—ANSELM OF CANTERBURY

MPR: Psalm 105/Deuteronomy 6

1:30pm Wedding of Andrew Smith and Monika Kuzminskaite

6:30pm Holy Communion

## THURSDAY 22ND APRIL

MPR: Psalm 136/Deuteronomy 7.1-11

9:30am Contemplative Prayer Group

## FRIDAY 23RD APRIL—ST GEORGE

MPR: Psalm 5/Joshua 1.1-9

10:00am Holy Communion (Parish Hall)

2.00pm Wedding of Michael Powell and Tammy Hinkins

6.15pm CONNECT Youth Group

## SATURDAY 24TH APRIL

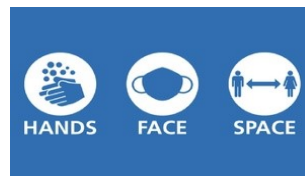
MPR: Psalm 110/Deuteronomy 8

## SUNDAY 25TH APRIL—EASTER 4

8:00am Holy Communion

10:30am Service of the Word

6:00pm Evening Service (Parish Hall)



Vicar's day off this week: Monday

# This Week's Prayers

**Please remember the following in your prayers: for this parish**—Let us pray for Rev Ian, our clergy, readers, staff, churchwardens, treasurer and members of the PCC as in-person services and meetings re-start. We pray for our Youth, as they start to meet for CONNECT and Junior Church.

**for other churches in the Fareham Deanery**—

This week the Deanery will be praying for the Parish of Whiteley —Pray for Philippa Mills, Amy Adeniran, Vikki Potts and Jo Vartan. They give thanks for the (fairly) new Parish of Whiteley - no longer a Conventional District, for the progress on the new Cornerstone CofE Primary School building and the Chapel space and for Rev Amy soon to return to work after maternity leave. Pray also for preparations for the move in to the Chapel space, for the development of the Live | Pray | Serve plans in Fareham Deanery and for plans for the relaunch of Whiteley Church as Hope Church Whiteley.

**for our Parish (Portchester and Port Solent)**—Skew Road, Cannon Barn Close, The Keep, Tintagel Way and Castle View Road.

**for the world around us**—We pray for the Queen and the Royal Family as they mourn the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. We give thanks to God for his life and service.

**for those who are ill or recovering**—Peter Webb, Sue Hogg, Marueen Raven, Derek Holland, Anelli, and Coling Welsh.

**for those who have died**—Marion Doubleday, Ronald Dix, Christine Burge.

*If you know of anyone in the parish who is ill, please let one of the Ministry Team know.*